

Invitation to join Faber and Edgeryders in EEA and Norway Grant Proposal

[FABER](#) is an industrial building in Timisoara, approximately 800 sqm of premises and 1500 additional sqm of land, reconverted into an independent cultural center which aims to facilitate the development of the creative environment in Timisoara by offering contemporary workspaces, a prototyping workshop, meeting and event spaces, a bistro and accommodation spaces, with a focus on collaboration, continuing education, skills and community development, management of creativity and cultural management;

[Edgeryders](#) is an international online community and non-profit Estonian company since 2013. Its mission is to support collective development and deployment of community projects in areas such as public policy, health and social care, activism, and cultural development. Edgeryders is the initiator of several place based participation projects like unMonastery Matera in Italy, community residence for social entrepreneurs in Morocco, and The Reef co-living and co-working space for decarbonization in Brussels.

We are considering an application to the EEA and Norway grants opened in the context of the European Capital of Culture title which Timisoara will hold in 2021. The grant is for a sum of maximum 50 K Euro, with no co-financing requested and with a payment milestone mechanism of 70% - 30%. It requires a partner from Norway, Iceland or Lichtenstein and for the project activities to take place in Timisoara, Romania.

FABER and Edgeryders are to develop and implement the project together with a partner from one of the Donors States: Norway, Iceland or Lichtenstein.

The project (name to be decided) aims to support community led decarbonization. We will locate and support initiatives that reinvent community spaces for working and living together, in a way that is "social and green". In the process, we will support the transfer of knowledge and good practices between involved partners and community participants. By contributing to making one space (Faber) into a more sustainable urban space, we will inspire other community spaces across Europe and beyond.

As imagined at this stage, the project implies the following activities:

- An open call for 6 international artistic residencies in Timisoara, at FABER, with a hands-on approach on 3 topics addressing the “durable urban development, new technologies, green city, smart city, city of the future” theme.

- An open call for 6 locals creative professionals from Timișoara. Together with the international residents, they will form 6 pairs of artists developing 6 projects inside FABER, on the proposed topics.
- A showcase/ exhibition of the results of the residence program in FABER, presenting to the larger audience the solution-projects developed by the artists in residence;
- Ongoing collective documentation and sharing the projects with a broader online community of 5500 individuals from over 30+ countries at edgeryders.eu

The timeline for the project is:

- Start of the project and preparatory phase in December 2020 - January 2021
- Open call February – March 2021
- Residences - May 2021
- Showcase/ exhibition – June 2021
- Reporting period – July 2021

Partners Roles:

Faber (Romania): project management and host of the residencies and final exhibition.

Edgeryders OU (Estonia): European dissemination partner; facilitates online documentation for sharing good practices.

Partner 3: sending organisation for artists in residence; local dissemination partner in Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.